

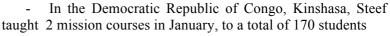
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## Have a blessed Christmas celebration!

Looking back to 2013 we have lots of reasons for thanksgiving! Quickly read our news...

## Trips – in a nutshell





- In March and April he was in South Africa and Swaziland to teach his mission course and to speak at W.E.C.'s annual field conference, to a total of 75 people
- In June Steef was in South Africa & the D.R.C. In the Congo he taught 2 mission courses in Lubumbashi with over 200 students. After this he taught a seminar in our church in Benoni for 20 students, with the help of 2 colleagues.
- In August and September we traveled together for over 5 weeks. For a three-week period we taught courses in Swaziland & Botswana: Steef to students of a trainingschool for missionaries, while I taught my course for children's workers, and people who want to start a children's ministry in their church. We had a total of 58 students.
- We were asked to record 3 radio interviews Trans World Radio in South Africa, in which we could motivate people in all of Southern Africa to ponder God's vocation for their lives and to tell children about God, their Father.
- Apart from the courses, usually Steef also preaches on Sundays in the churches in these countries.
- Never before did we train that many people in less than a year: more than in the previous three years together. Spoken about open doors. In that, *your* spiritual 'shares' in the heavenly 'stock-exchange' have at least doubled their value!



Many thanks to all of you who supported us to make this possible!!



## Family news

In June Mariska and Dennis got married. They have a small apartment in Wageningen and they are very happy together!



In the mean time we have 4 beautiful, sweet and healthy grandchildren! We are proud and grateful. Here you see Steef with Ezrah, Dylan standing, Tineke with Sjoerd, and Neraiah at the right side.

From time to time people ask us

how Brandon (right on the picture) is doing. He is doing very well. He is 15 years old now, a living miracle. When he came to us first, he was 4 and was expected to die before his 6<sup>th</sup> birthday! He lives in a family, together with Bongani (now already 8) and three other children.



In January Steef travels to the Congo again to teach. There are huge opportunities in Kinshasa, about which we are very enthusiastic. Islam marches on and we have the chance to prepare people as missionaries, to bring the Good News of God's love. Africa still counts 990 unreached people groups: the task is urgent. 'Pray the Lord of the harvest...'





In Februari we travel together again. It will be an orientation tour, for which we specifically ask your prayers. On the program: Lesotho and White River (SA) to see what we can do there in the near future and what is already going on. This trip lasts  $2\frac{1}{2}$  weeks, after which I return to Holland to resume teaching (4 days a week). Steef hopes to go to Swaziland with a colleague, to teach how needed and important cross-cultural missions are in Africa, to reach those last unreached tribes with the Gospel.

We urgently look for someone who wants to lend us a car from 16 Feb. to 21 March, or part of that time. If you can help, please contact us at the e-mail address below.

Longer-term: we are in a period of prayer, fasting and seeking the Lord's will. For us that is the most important. We want to do His bidding. But there is not only the need at the mission fields, but also those of our children, grandchildren and mothers. Would you pray with us for wisdom and a clear direction for our future?

## A new website!

At the end of December our totally renewed website <a href="www.recruiting4missions.org">www.recruiting4missions.org</a> will be launched. Complete with photos, a new logo, different updates and interesting articles. During (or after) the trips we'll post newsflashes and prayer info about the country we stay in. Have a look, just after Christmas!

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